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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: Culture & History TITLE NUMBER: 82

RULE TYPE: legislative CITE AUTHORITY: 29-1-8

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 2

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Standards and Procedures for
Administering State Historic Preservation Programs

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON July 15, 2005 AT 5:00 PM ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.

Authorized Signature

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

Proposed Criteria for West Virginia Historic Preservation Communities

Whereas the West Virginia Archives and History Commission recognizes the importance of grassroots historic preservation efforts, the following criteria are established to designate West Virginia Certified Historic Preservation Communities:

- A. The community must have supported (within the last three years) a historic preservation project that promotes heritage tourism or otherwise fosters economic vitality. The project must have involved a public-private partnership between government entities and at least one civic association, non-profit organization, or business enterprise.
- B. The governing body of the community must have adopted (within the last three years) a resolution indicating its commitment to the preservation of its heritage assets.
- C. The community must meet at least three of the criteria below, including at least one from each category:

Category 1: Discovering Heritage through Historic Places

Category Criteria:

- a. An ongoing, publicly available inventory of historic places
- b. An active community supported museum, or interpretive facility archive, or local history records collection (public or private)
- c. Active citizen volunteer involvement, such as a docent or guide program for interpretation of local history and culture, or volunteer participation in improving the condition of heritage assets within the community
- d. Ongoing opportunities for children to learn about local heritage in the schools, either through established curriculum or special outreach program

Category 2: Protecting Historic Resources

Category Criteria:

- a. An active historic landmark commission created by the local governmental entity through an ordinance, charged with leading historic preservation activities within the community
- b. An adopted community-wide historic preservation plan that is being implemented
- c. A historic preservation review ordinance and volunteer or professional staff to implement it

Category 3: Promoting Historic Assets

Category Criteria:

- a. An active local heritage tourism program or participation in a regional program, with such promotional material as a walking/driving trail or itinerary, map of historic resources, etc.
- b. A regularly scheduled heritage observation or event
- c. A historic preservation awards or recognition program